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MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Imagery Requirements and
Exploitation

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference for Imagery Exploitation
Subcommittee and Data Base Working Group

1. This office has received suggested changes to the terms of reference for EXSUBCOM and DBWG from CIA and DIA. The suggested changes are shown on the attachments by lineout for deletions and underlining for CIA additions; the DIA deletions are indicated by a bracket and its additions by double underlining.

2. Discussion of the terms of reference has not been scheduled for the 4 January meeting of COMIREX. Apart from the fact that the agenda is already quite crowded this office feels that it may be more profitable to discuss the terms of reference at a special meeting and at such time as the terms of reference for EXRAND and ICRS may also be considered. This office notes some discrepancies in the revised terms of reference, such as continued use of the term "validation". This office also feels that the terms of reference as presently written tend to present a catechism of responsibilities which may be disproportionate to the responsibilities of COMIREX as approved by the United States Intelligence Board (see DCID 1/13).

3. This office hopes to disseminate draft terms of reference for ICRS and EXRAND during the week of 8 January and will then schedule a special meeting soon after the middle of the month.

DIA review(s) completed.


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apply.



Executive Secretary

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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Draft Terms of Reference

Imagery Exploitation Subcommittee

1. Pursuant to the objectives and provisions of DCID No. 1/13, there is established the Imagery Exploitation Subcommittee of the COMIREX to advise, assist, and, as directed, act for the COMIREX in all matters pertaining to the exploitation of imagery as defined in DCID No. 1/13.

Functions

2. The Subcommittee shall advise and assist the COMIREX and act for it as directed by the COMIREX, on exploitation matters within the jurisdiction of the COMIREX, particularly:

a. General

(1) Monitor and coordinate the exploitation effort to insure that ~~production is compatible with intelligence needs and collection capabilities~~ essential intelligence needs are being met and that imagery collection is planned in the light of the exploitation capacity of the NTP participants.

(2) Periodically review with the exploitation organization, consumer needs for information derived from imagery and ~~make recommendations to report to COMIREX on~~ as to the cost effectiveness of exploitation, publication, and dissemination. ~~as this relates to consumer needs.~~

(3) Through the responsible collection organizations, maintain cognizance of operational planning, development of oncoming reconnaissance collection systems, and collection guidance, ~~and equipment research~~

~~and system development, and~~ and
assemble the views of the NTP
participants in order to advise
COMIREX on a current basis as to
the expected impact on exploitation.
~~Such advice to be related to the~~
~~national imagery exploitation program.~~

b. National Imagery Exploitation Target
Base (NIETB)

(1) ~~Establish and validate~~
Develop, review, insure the validation of,
and submit to COMIREX targets for inclusion
in the NIETB and based on compliance with
the functional areas specified in the NTP
as well as develop essential elements of
information (EEI) consistent with the
image-derived expected information
potential to be derived from imagery of
these targets. (NPIC's capacity will
establish the limit as to the number of
targets to be included).

(2) ~~Review all aspects of the~~
NIETB to insure that exploitation require-
ments are valid and efforts are ~~valid and~~
responsive to the changing national
intelligence needs.

c. Exploitation and Publications Requirements

(1) Maintain continuous review of
current intelligence needs and identify
exploitation requirements which should be
satisfied during first and second phase
exploitation.

~~(2) --- Maintain cognizance of basic~~
~~intelligence and imagery exploitation needs~~
~~in order to review, process, and prioritize~~
~~requirements for third phase basic support~~
~~exploitation and imagery interpretation keys.~~

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(2) Maintain continuous review of basic intelligence needs and identify exploitation requirements which should be satisfied through a coordinated program of third phase basic support exploitation and/or the production of imagery interpretation keys.

(3) ~~Review and validate requests for NPIG to provide direct support exploitation, and recommend their relative priorities to the NPIG.~~ Monitor all direct support exploitation requests levied on NTP participants as a means of advising COMIREX as to unwarranted duplication of effort.

(4) Maintain cognizance of the direct support exploitation activities of NTP participants and provide a system for the exchange of information by exploitation elements on projects in process (within the subcommittee's jurisdiction), and advise COMIREX so as to minimize duplication of effort.

d. Film Duplication and Distribution

(1) ~~Review, validate,~~ Insure the validity of requests and develop establish priorities for distributing processed film specifically acquired in response to USIB-approved collection requirements, ~~and~~ advise COMIREX of action taken. ~~Recommend priorities to COMIREX when unresolved competition for film makes this necessary.~~ (When the film is initially processed by an OPIC, it is not considered feasible to provide guidance on related field distribution.)

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intelligence needs of the national imagery exploitation program. The program should be outlined to show the task to be accomplished during each year of a five-year period. This program will be developed based on the capacity of the NTP participants.

(2) Maintain cognizance of all external contracts for imagery exploitation which are pertinent to the National Tasking Plan and recommend to COMIREX steps that must be taken to improve system performance and avoid duplication.

(3) ~~Keep advised of all oncoming reconnaissance systems and make specific recommendations to COMIREX as to what steps must be taken to maintain a meaningful and comprehensive national exploitation program.~~

Coordination

3. The Subcommittee will conduct liaison and coordination with other subcommittees and working groups of COMIREX, and, as appropriate to the accomplishment of the functions outlined in paragraph 2, will coordinate and conduct liaison with other elements engaged in the collection and exploitation of imagery, including planning, and the operation and development of systems and equipment.

Organization and Procedures

4. The Subcommittee shall be composed of the Chairman and a representative/member from the Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the National Security Agency, and the National Photographic Interpretation Center.

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5. The Chairman of the Subcommittee shall be designated by the Chairman of COMIREX ~~in consultation with the Director of Central Intelligence.~~ with the approval of members of COMIREX.

6. The Subcommittee shall meet at the call of the Chairman or at the request of any member.

7. The Subcommittee shall be supported by the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) which will provide ~~the permanent executive secretary and~~ appropriate administrative and clerical support as available.

8. The NPIC shall also provide office space and other facilities as required and available.

9. Each ~~agency~~ organization represented on the Subcommittee shall advise the Subcommittee of all exploitation programs, activities, and other data which are pertinent to the effective performance of the Subcommittee's mission.

10. ~~Agencies~~ Organizations engaged in imagery exploitation activities connected with the National Tasking Plan ~~shall~~ will be invited by the Subcommittee to provide consultants and other support as required by the Subcommittee as available. The Chairman may also, ~~at his discretion,~~ establish temporary task teams with COMIREX approval and invite representatives of other agencies to participate within the limits of their capabilities in the work of the Subcommittee.

10. Agencies engaged in imagery exploitation activities connected with the National Tasking Plan may be requested by the Subcommittee to provide consultants and other support necessary to accomplish the tasks outlined in this plan.

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Imagery Data Base Working Group

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1. In accordance with the authority of DCID No. 1/13 the Chairman, COMIREX has constituted an Imagery Data Base Working Group. The Working Group shall function, coordinate, be organized and proceed as follows.

Functions

2. The Working Group shall coordinate and monitor the establishment and maintenance of the National Base of Imagery Derived Information (NBIDI) established under the National Tasking Plan (NTP) and shall advise and assist COMIREX on matters within its jurisdiction, particularly:

a. NBIDI

(1) Insure ~~for COMIREX~~ that the NBIDI shall be designed, developed, and operated within the capability of the responsible organization as a single source an imagery-derived data base to provide timely support to producers of integrated intelligence in meeting their responsibilities at national-interdepartmental, departmental, and command levels, the imagery exploitation activities.

(2) ~~Insure to the maximum extent practicable, that the NBIDI also will be designed to meet the needs of a wide variety of other users of imagery-derived information, such as reconnaissance collection managers and producers of integrated intelligence.~~ Insure that this data base will also meet the reference needs of the imagery exploitation elements subject to direct tasking under the NTP.

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(3) ~~Insure that this data base will support also the information needs of those organizations concerned with collection requirements, reconnaissance planning, imagery exploitation, and information processing.~~

b. Publication, Automation and Communication

(1) In accordance with the National Tasking Plan, insure that a reporting program for imagery derived information is established and made compatible with advance publication, computer and communications technology in storing, retrieving, and disseminating information derived from imagery.

(2) ~~Conform~~ Insure that the ADP systems ~~to furnish~~ employed by the participants under the NTP are constructed so that imagery collectors and operators reconnaissance collection managers may be furnished with exploitation and coverage data feedback on a timely basis as required by the managers of these programs.

c. Planning

(1) Maintain cognizance of the changing aspects of operational planning, collection guidance, exploitation guidance, equipment research and development, ADP and automation, and imagery exploitation capabilities of the participants in the NTP United States Government relating to reconnaissance, in order to make recommendations to COMIREX on the effective development, maintenance and operation of the NBIDI. Report also to COMIREX on the cost effectiveness aspects of the development of the

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NBIDI particularly as related to the automation and communications. ~~needed to support the NBIDI.~~

Coordination

3. The Working Group will conduct liaison and coordination with other working groups and subcommittees of COMIREX, and, as appropriate to the accomplishment of the functions outlined in paragraph two, will coordinate and conduct liaison with other elements engaged in the publication, control and automation of imagery-derived information and all related intelligence handling mechanisms. Continuing liaison and coordination will be established with those responsible for the Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS) to insure consideration of the interdependence of the NTP and COINS and afford an opportunity to mesh planning efforts.

Organization and Procedures

4. The Working Group shall be composed of the Chairman and a representative member from the Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the National Security Agency, and the National Photographic Interpretation Center.

5. The Chairman of the Working Group shall be designated by the Chairman of COMIREX with the approval of members of the COMIREX.

6. The Working Group shall meet at the call of the Chairman or at the request of any member.

7. The Working Group shall be supported by the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) which will provide ~~the permanent executive secretary and~~ appropriate administrative and clerical support as available.

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8. The NPIC shall also provide office space and other facilities as required and available.

9. Each agency organization represented on the Working Group shall advise the Working Group of all programs, activities, and other data which are pertinent to the effective performance of the Working Group's mission and provide support as called for by the National Tasking Plan.

10. Agencies Organizations engaged in imagery exploitation activities connected with the National Tasking Plan ~~shall~~ will be invited by the Subcommittee to provide consultants and other support as required by the Working Group available. The Chairman may also, ~~at his discretion~~ establish temporary task teams with COMIREX approval and invite representatives of other agencies to participate within the limits of their capabilities in the work of the Working Group.

10. Agencies engaged in imagery exploitation activities connected with the National Tasking Plan may be requested by the Working Group to provide consultants and other support necessary to accomplish tasks outlined in this plan.

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